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1. SUMMARY - LEADING PAPERS LAUDED PRESIDENT FORD'S REPORTED MESSAGE TO PREMIER CHIANG AND ROCKEFELLER'S TAIPEI VISIT AS HIGHLY REASSURING TO ROC. OFFICIAL KMT CENTRAL DAILY NEWS URGED FORD, ROCKEFELLER OR KISSINGER PERSONALLY ASSESS SOUTHEAST ASIAN SITUATION. EDITORIALS AND COMMENTS CONTINUED BLAME U.S. FOR INDOCHINA SITUATION. PAPERS ALSO PROMINENTLY REPORTED PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN IN FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE SAYING ROC NEVER DOUBTED SINCERITY REPEATED U.S. COMMITMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (220,000) SAID PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE PREMIER CHIANG, REPORTEDLY DELIVERED BY ROCKEFELLER, AND FORD'S APRIL 16 ASNE UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON REMARKS REGARDING ROC, ARE CLEAR AND SELF-EVIDENT OF U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD ROC FOLLOWING ADVERSE TURN EVENTS INDOCHINA. PAPER CRITICIZED U.S. RELAXATION OF IDEOLOGICAL WARFARE AGAINST COMMUNISTS WHICH

DISARMED ANTICOMMUNIST WILL. PRESIDENT FORD, ROCKEFELLER OR KISSINGER URGED MAKE QUICK PERSONAL ASSESSMENT SOUTHEAST ASIAN SITUATION AND SET GRAND PLAN AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION WITH AREA NATIONAL LEADERS.

3. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (280,000) HAILED FORD'S ASNE REMARKS AS CARRYING REASSURING EFFECT WHICH FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY REACTIONS OF PEOPLE IN US. TO PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH.

4. PAPERS FRONTPAGED PRESIDENT YEN'S FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTING HIM SAYING ROC NEVER DOUBTED SINCERITY REPEATED U.S. COMMITMENTS.

5. LARGEST CIRCULATION UNTIED TAILY NEWS (320,000) URGED PRESIDENT FORD CONCEL PLANNED "PEIPING TRIP" ON BASIS HIS ASNE REMARKS REGARDING U.S.-ROC RELATIONS, FAILURE NIXON'S OPENING OF U.S.-PEIPING COMMUNICATIONS WHICH PROVED ONE-WAY AND BECAUSE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE HAS BECOME MOCKERY WHICH PEIPING CONSIDERS U.S. SURRENDER CONTRACT.

6. CHINA TIMES, OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS AND UNITED DAILY NEWS SAW POSSIBLE U.S. POLICY REARRANGEMENTS WAKE INDOCHINA DISASTER. ALL SAW KOREA AS A POTENTIAL TROUBLE SPOT.

7. ALL PAPERS FRONTPAGED ROCKEFELLER'S REMARKS UPON WASHINGTON ARRIVAL EXPRESSING DEEP IMPRESSIONS TAIPEI, MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS REMARKS ABOUT PREMIER CHIANG. UNITED DAILY NEWS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT COMET SHIH QUOTED SENATOR FONG AND MRS. CHENNAULT SAYING ROCKEFELLER TOTLD THEM OF ENTIRELY NEWS IMPRESSIONS REGARDING TAIWAN.

8. SEVERAL PAPERS SAW PHNOM PENH'S FALL AS CREATING UNCLASSIFIED

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DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR SAIGON AND URGED U.S. TAKE ACTION.

9. UNITED DAILY NEWS QUOTED SOUTH VIETNAMESE TAIPEI AMBASSADOR KIEM DOUBTING PHNOM PENH'S FALL WILL AROUSE U.S. AND FALL NOT FAULT OF CAMBODIANS BUT RATHER FAILURE U.S. POLICY.

10. UNITED DAILY NEWS ALSO QUOTED TAIPEI THAI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES SAYING NEW THAI GOVERNMENT BEGINNING LOSE FAITH U.S. OVER FAILURE DEFEND PARIS ACCORDS.

11. CENTRAL DAILY NEWS CARRIED WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

BRICE WANG INTERVIEW WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR
STRESSING DETERMINATION SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE STAND
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